Applicant's claim 1 recites:

...embedding a first legacy network management message within a first Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) message at a first network element;

transmitting the first SNMP message over the network to a second network element; and

extracting the first legacy network management message from the first SNMP message at the second network element.

It can be seen therefore that this is the <u>exact opposite</u> of the Andrews patent. Andrews is using an AgentX to transport SNMP management information, and applicant's invention is concerned with using SNMP management to transport AgentX. The "wrapper" reference referred to by the Examiner (column 4, line 31) does not change this fundamental difference. Note the claim language reads: "embedding a first legacy network management message within a first Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) message...." Clearly, Andrews uses AgentX protocol for communication.

In claim 9, the language reads:

a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) initiator at the management station for embedding the first legacy network management message <u>within</u> a first SNMP message and for transmitting the first SNMP message to the node....

Again, this language distinguishes from Andrews in that it denotes the opposite of the Andrews situation.

In claim 13, the operative language is:

instructions <u>for embedding the legacy network management message within an SNMP message</u>...

and this is not taught or suggested by Andrews. In fact, the opposite is taught.

In claim 15, note the language reading:

> instructions for extracting a first legacy network management message from the first SNMP message, the first legacy network management message conforming to a legacy network management protocol....

Clearly, this is not the case with Andrews.

In view of the above, further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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